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Environment Committee Testimony

In Support of a H.B. 6637: An Act Requiring an Invasive Species Stamp for the Operation of a Motorboat on the Inland Waters of the State

Co-Chairs Cohen and DeMicco; Vice Chairs Kushner and Gresko; Ranking Members Miner and Harding, and distinguished members of the Environment Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 6637, An Act Requiring an Invasive Species Stamp for the Operation of a Motorboat on the Inland Waters of the State.

This bill will provide a mechanism to create a fund to address Connecticut's growing invasive species problem. Invasive species in inland waters of the state is a growing problem which negatively affects water quality, environmental health, watercraft, and property values. In my district, Bolton Lake has been afflicted by algae growth that greatly limits the opportunities for recreation for my constituents, and for commerce for small business owners in my district. However, invasive species affect many lakes around the state.

Through a small fee applied to each per watercraft that launches into a lake, the State will be able to raise revenue to combat this issue is critical to the health and safety of Connecticut's water bodies and citizens. The fund will be used to supplement the cost of combating invasive species, and all towns around the state will be able to apply for assistance I respectfully ask the committee to vote favorably on House Bill. 6637, which will improve Connecticut's inland water quality and protect citizens from the hazards of invasive species. Thank for this opportunity to submit testimony and I look forward to working with you all this session.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Green".

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